

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 58, 59, 64, and 65 are directed to inventions non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 58, 59, 64, and 65 have been cancelled.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 58, 59, 64, and 65.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach a sensor element comprising an electrode system as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PUNAM PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-6794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lisa Caputo can be reached on (571) 272-2388. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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